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report on Tallinn /N 59-26, E 24-44/ which includes an overlay and legend pinpointing 28 city installations.

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Urbanization

1. The SW district shown on the city plan was constructed after about 1950. The city had grown also in the western and northeastern areas but not extensively. The attached overlay indicates the location of the streets Viru and Surkaria (Nos. 4 and 5, respectively on the overlay).

Population

2. The population was Estonian and Russian, in about equal proportions, there being large military contingents of the latter.

Military Installations

See 24 of legend to sketch)

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3. [redacted] often seen in Tallinn infantry and artillery troops, sailors, and officers of infantry, artillery, Navy, and Air Force. The infantry and artillery troops wore the usual khaki Army uniform but on their black shoulderboards bordered with yellow, they had yellow cloth letters "BF" (Baltiskiy Flot-Baltic Fleet).

[redacted] there were infantry, artillery, tank, and Air Force installations as well as military airports in the outskirts of the city.

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Transportation

4. There were the usual traffic signals and policemen at the main intersections. Urban transportation was provided mainly by streetcars and taxis. There were some interurban autobuses with routes to Narva, Tartu, and Pyarnu which also had regular stops within the city, thus supplementing the other urban transportation services.

The autobus and streetcar routes started in the square where the Gersovet was located (No. 15 on the attached overlay).

Restricted Areas

5. The only restricted area [redacted] was the port, which was enclosed by walls, in some parts of rubblework and in others of wood. The entrances were guarded by sailors. [redacted]

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In the eastern part of the port, there were many industrial buildings and chimneys (see No. 25 on the overlay) which [redacted] pertained to shipyards [redacted]

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Legend to Overlay of City of Tallinn

1. Streetcar line No. 4 connecting the center of the city with the nearby village of Kopli [redacted]
2. Cotton goods plant Sitsi which produced mainly sheets.
3. Probable dock for ship repair. [redacted] saw many cranes and a ship in the dock. *[fishy part]*
4. Surkaria Street.
5. Viru Street.
6. Electric motor plant Volt⁴ which produced motors for machine tools. It was a small plant, but according to rumor its production was fairly large. [redacted]
7. Silk plant which produced both natural and synthetic silk fabrics and nylon stockings. It was a single three-story building. [redacted]

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8. Railroad repair shops.
9. Central market for feedstuffs, mainly fruits and vegetables from the kolkhozy and from the State (sic).
10. Storehouses of the central Railroad station.
11. Football stadium, old and inadequate. It was in use in 1956 but another was under construction [redacted]
12. Street which passed the central RR station and connects other streets.
13. Park with a lake in the center.
14. Central RR station for both passengers and freight.
15. Gorsevet and another Government office [redacted]
16. Estonian headquarters of the militia.
17. Square with gardens like a park.
18. Central post, telegraph and telephone office occupying a two-story building. The post and telegraph office was on first floor and the telephone office was on second.
19. Moscu Hotel, a large luxurious six-story building.
20. Estonian church open for worship. [redacted]
21. Estonian Theater.
22. Estonian SSR Government building of four stories.
23. Russian Theater.
24. Approximate location of one or two barracks of infantry subordinate to the Baltic Fleet. The troops wore khaki uniforms with black shoulderboards bordered with yellow and with yellow letters "BF." They were called "naval infantry" in the city.

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25. The area designated within the broken lines on the overlay was that in which [redacted] there were shipyards for construction or repair of naval vessels. From a distance a complex of industrial buildings and chimneys was visible as well as some rail movement.
26. Streetcar line No. 3, which connected the center of the city with a nearby beach.
27. Streetcar line No. 1, which connected the city center with an unidentified industrial plant.
28. Small furniture factory of three stories.
29. Streetcar terminal, the only one in Tallinn.
30. Taxi and autobus terminal, the only one in Tallinn.
31. Radio Estonia broadcasting station, which broadcast in Russian and Estonian. It had a brick tower 20 meters high on which were two antennas.
32. Keyla Factory producing woollen fabrics for suits and coats. It occupied an area 400m x 200m, was two stories high, and had about 60 mechanical looms. Two smaller building were used, respectively, for offices and machine repair. The yarn was not produced in this factory [redacted] One hundred-fifty workers, the majority women, were employed on three shifts. The plant produced 600m² of cloth daily which was taken to another unidentified factory in Tallinn to be washed and dyed. The KAZ (sic) looms, said to be produced in Moscow, were very modern and semiautomatic. One worker controlled five or six looms at a time.
33. Streetcar line No. 2, which connected the city center and the suburbs.
34. Probable location of a match factory.
35. Probable location of a candy factory.
36. Electric RR which ran at least as far as Keyla.

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